

CHILD DEVELOPMENT, CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

The Certificate of Achievement in Child Development is designed for students interested in studying Child Development for general understanding of child growth and development within the family and cultural context. Students who complete the Child Development program will develop the knowledge of subject matter and professional skills that enable them to work in the Early Education and Family Development fields, or any related professional area.

To earn a Certificate of Achievement in Child Development, students complete the 24.5 units of state designated "Core 8" courses of Child Growth and Development; Child, Family, and Community; Principles and Practices; Introduction to Curriculum; Child Nutrition, Health, and Safety; Observation and Assessment; Diversity Issues; and Student Teaching.

Course ID	Title	Units/ Hours
Required Courses		
CD M02	Human Development: Infancy through Adolescence	3
CD M03 or CD M03H	Child, Family, and Community Honors: Child, Family, and Community	3
CD M04	Observation and Assessment	2
CD M04L	Observation and Assessment Laboratory	1
CD M05	Teaching in a Diverse Society	3
CD M11	Principles and Practices in Early Childhood Education	3
CD M12	Early Childhood Education Teaching Practicum	2
CD M12L	Early Childhood Education Teaching Practicum Lab	1.5
CD M14	Introduction to Curriculum	3
CD M23	Health, Safety, & Nutrition	3
Total Required Major Units: 24.5		

Year 1		
Fall Semester		Units/Hours
CD M02	Human Development: Infancy through Adolescence	3
CD M03	Child, Family, and Community	3
Units/Hours		6
Spring Semester		
CD M11	Principles and Practices in Early Childhood Education	3
CD M23	Health, Safety, & Nutrition	3
Units/Hours		6
Year 2		
Fall Semester		Units/Hours
CD M04	Observation and Assessment	2
CD M04L	Observation and Assessment Laboratory	1
CD M05	Teaching in a Diverse Society	3
Units/Hours		6
Spring Semester		
CD M12	Early Childhood Education Teaching Practicum	2
CD M12L	Early Childhood Education Teaching Practicum Lab	1.5

CD M14	Introduction to Curriculum	3
Units/Hours		6.5
Total Units/Hours		24.5

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

- apply concepts of child growth and development from conception through adolescence within the family and cultural context.
- develop an early education environment that honors the diversity of the learning community through empowerment, equity, respect, and dignity.
- apply a variety of teaching strategies, manage the classroom, monitor children's development and learning, guide behavior, and use reflection on teaching practice to guide future planning.